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AND CUTTING ELEMENTS

AMENDMENT

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Responsive to the Office Action of June 3, 2002, please enter the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel Claims 1-15, 20-25, and 31-50.

Claims 16-19 and 26-30 are withdrawn as not reading on the elected species of Figure 11.

Add new Claims 51-64. Claims 51-64 read on the electrical systems of Figure 11

and Claim 51 is generic to Figures 10, 11, and 12

51. A replaceable cutting element suitable to be mounted on the body of a earthboring drag bit, the element comprising:

a contact structure including a futting tip structure and a cutting tapered structure.

the tip structure and the tapered structure being concentric with the overall

element:

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